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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-50-114(a)(1), is amended by adding the language "and persons who have retired from state service with thirty (30) or more years of service" between the words "Tennessee" and "are".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-50-114(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (2) and by redesignating the subsequent subdivision accordingly:

(2) Without regard to the age of the person, the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee and the board of regents may provide for a service fee that may be charged by the institutions under their respective jurisdictions. The purpose of the fee is to defray the cost of maintaining the records of such students. The fees shall not exceed forty-five dollars (\$45.00) per quarter or seventy dollars (\$70.00) per semester.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-50-114(b), is amended by deleting the words "a state employee enrollment" and by substituting instead the words "enrollment by a state employee or a retired state employee".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 50, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

8-50-119

(a) Every spouse of a full-time employee of the state shall be eligible for enrollment in one (1) course, consisting of no more than four (4) credit hours or one hundred twenty (120) clock hours, per term at any institution of the board of regents or

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the University of Tennessee systems without paying tuition charges or maintenance fees. However, the spouse of a full-time state employee shall be responsible for fees, other than maintenance fees, associated with the spouse's enrollment and attendance under this section.

- (b) For the purposes of this section, a spouse of a full-time state employee shall only receive the tuition discount if the spouse has not attained a postsecondary certification or college degree.
- (c) Enrollment privileges may be limited or denied by an institution on an individual classroom basis according to space availability. No tuition paying student shall be denied enrollment in a course because of the enrollment of the spouse of a full-time state employee pursuant to this section.
- (d) Spouses of full-time state employees may apply the cost equivalent of the full waiver credit toward payment for a class exceeding four (4) credit hours or one hundred twenty (120) clock hours.
- (e) Courses taken under this section shall be governed by the academic rules and regulations of the institution offering the course or courses.
- (f) This section shall have no effect on existing staff development programs at the institutions in the board of regents of University of Tennessee systems.
- (g) It is the legislative intent that the fees waived by this section shall not be deducted from institutions' budgets recommended by the Tennessee higher education commission.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.